THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details of new telephone exchanges installed from 1-4-2001 to 31-10-2001 in Uttar Pradesh are as per Annexure. [*See* Appendix 194, Annexure No. 24]

(c) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(d) Details of new telephone exchanges installed during 2000-2001 and proposed to be installed during 2001-2002 from 1-11-2001 to 31-3-2002, in Uttar Pradesh are enclosed in the Annexure, [*See* Appendix 194, Annexure No. 24].

V.P.T. in Rajasthan and Orissa

2621. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether telephone facility has been provided by Government to all Village panchayats of the country;

(b) if not, the number of panchayats where the said facility has not been provided till date particularly in Rajasthan and Orissa, district-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to provide better telephone facility to the village panchayats indicating the target set for the year 2001-2002 and budgetary allocations made therefor during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) : (a) No Sir, the Government has plan to provide a public telephone in all villages of the country by the year 2002. Once all the villages are covered in the country, Panchayats will also be covered as it is included in all villages.

(b) The information is given in Statement-I (*see* below)

(c) For better telephone facility to village panchayats the Govt. has started inducting new technologies like C DOT, TDMA/PMP and Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) systems into rural telephony. No target has been set for village panchayats. However, the target is for covering 6,07,491 villages with a public telephone during the year 2002 and budgetary allotment is Rs. 811.52 crores (Statement-II) by BSNL for the year 2001-02.

Statement-I

Village Panchayats without telecom facility

RAJASTHAN

District	Village Panchayats without telecom facility
Alwar	26
Banswara and Dungarpur	63
Barmer	2
Bharatpur and Dholpur	46
Bikaner	5
Bunndi	27
Chitorgarh	63
Churu	3
Jaiselmer	8
Jaipur and Dausa	104
Jhalawar	8
Jodhpur	1
Sawaimadhopur and Karoli	96
Sikar	9
Sirohi and Jalore	3
Tonk	1
Udaipur and Rajsamand	78
TOTAL:	543

ORISSA

Sl. No.	Revenue District	No. of GPs to be provided
1	Angul	9
2	Balasore	3
3	Baragarh	0
4	Bhadrak	1
5	Bolangir	22
6	Boudh	11
7	Cuttack	2
8	Deogarh	7
9	Dhenkanal	10
10	Gajapati	2
11	Ganjam	5
12	Jagatsinghpur	3
13	Jajpur	6
14	Jharsuguda	11
15	Kalahandi	17
16	Khondamal (Phulbani)	16
17	Kendrapara	6
18	Keonjhar	0
19	Khurda	0
20	Koraput	25
21	Malkangiri	31
22	Mayurbhanj	7
23	Nowrangpur	10
24	Nayagarh	1
25	Nowapara	9
26	Puri	1
27	Rayagada	4
28	Sambalpur	11
29	Sonepur	11
30	Sundergarh	3
	TOTAL:	244

Statement-II

Budget Allocation made during the last three years under the Head Village Panchayat Telephone

(In Crores of Rupees)

Sl. No.	State	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002
1	Andaman Nicobar	0.33	0.04	0
2	Andhra Pradesh	0.00	0.00	0
3	Assam	15.51	25.00	34.90
4	Bihar	41.37	123.26	124.74
5	Chhatisgarh	0.00	0.00	24.41
6	Gujarat	0.00	0.00	0
7	Haryana	0.13	0.02	0
8	Himachal Pradesh	12.93	20.00	16.64
9	Jammu & Kashmir	7.76	10.00	29.79
10	Jharkhand	0.00	0.00	122.58
11	Karnataka	10.34	6.33	0.04
12	Kerala	0.00	0.00	0
13	Madhya Pradesh	25.86	29.30	2.73
14	Maharashtra	0.00	0.00	0
15	North East-1	10.34	25.55	37.95
16	North East-2	0.00	0.00	53.83
17	Orissa	15.51	70.00	137.00
18	Punjab	0.00	0.00	0
19	Rajasthan	0.00	0.00	0
20	Tamil Nadu	0.00	0.26	0
21	Uttar Pradesh (E)	36.20	90.00	65.22
22	Uttar Pradesh (W)	31.03	45.00	27.25
23	Uttranchal	0.00	0.00	77.46
24	West Bengal	26.09	55.24	56.98
	TOTAL:	233.40	500.00	811.52